Select board Meeting

November 18, 2021

7:00pm

Athens Town Office

Present were Fact TV, Darlene Wyman, Sandi Capponcelli, Janet Perry, Dennis Mirante, David Bemis, April Lyman, Donna Currier, Don Capponcelli, Krista Gay, Christian Rogerson, Sherry Maher, Wichie Artu and Denise Randall.

David called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Adjustments to the agenda: There were no adjustments.

Minutes of the prior meetings: Denise made the motion to accept the minutes of the prior meetings. Janet seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

Public comments: Sherry asked if masks for the December 15th meeting were going to be required. Discussion followed as to whether the legislature would require a mask mandate. The board will follow the mask mandate. The board felt that if one is unvaccinated they must wear a mask and if you are vaccinated masks are encouraged, but not mandated. The board will try to follow what the Vermont Board of Health recommends and wait to see what legislature and the Governor say.

Board and officials: Darlene reported she had spoken to Scott about the culvert behind the Town Office. She will contact him to see when he is available to meet with the board. A special select board meeting will be warned when a date is available.

Wichie stated he had contacted Hilary Cooke about updating the flood maps and he is interested in joining the NFIP initiative as a resident of Athens. Discussion followed about updating the flood maps. A model flood plan ordinance was also discussed.

Wichie presented two Memorandums of Understanding from Grace Farm and Wild Shepherd Farm to be signed. David asked if they had gotten new agreements with Riverbend Market, Saxtons River Market and Lisias. Sherry stated Tim is working on this. David made the motion he and the treasurer sign the MOUs. Denise seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

Sherry reported that Jonathan Jessup came down on Tuesday and shimmed up the floor of the Meetinghouse. Jonathan noticed that there is still water coming in under the building. Sherry will contact Danny to check into this. Sherry also reported there will be a tree lighting on December 5th at the Meetinghouse.

Don reported a Cemetery Commission is scheduled for December 1st at 6:00pm,

Warrants and mail: The warrants were reviewed and signed. The mail was reviewed.

Janet mentioned that Matt is getting applications for charge accounts at Benny’s Sunoco and the Riverbend Market.

David mentioned that they are working on a permanent Hazardous Waste drop off in Springfield.

Roads: Tuesday Matt and Sandi met with the FEMA representative and the meeting went well. They are meeting again next Tuesday and it looks like there will not be a problem for reimbursement for the July flooding. Sandi stated there is a very good possibility for a mitigation grant. Palmer Goodrich has 300 yards of 1 ½ “stone for $21.00per yard. Matt asked if it could be purchased now to stock pile for mud season. Salt and sand are all set. The big truck is in for its yearly servicing. The leaf blower is working well. They are continuing to work on grants. Sandi stated she and Don and Jimmy Trimble donated logs for lumber for a roof over the public sand area. David also donated lumber for the roof. Jimmy asked that this be mentioned in the Town Report. David made the motion to purchase the 300yds of stone from Palmer Goodrich in anticipation of funds for next year. Denise seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried.

Janet stated she has all the pricing for the damage to the pond on Brookline Road and just has to make up and invoice and get pictures from Eugene.

Further Business: There being no further business, David made the motion to adjourn. Denise seconded. Put to a vote. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Wyman, Town Clerk